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## **Student Nominations Sought for EcoArt Contest**

Program to recognize high school artists

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 1, 2017)** - It's that time of year again! The Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection (DEP) is soliciting nominations for the 2017–18 EcoArt Contest. The contest, which is in its ninth year, provides an opportunity for students to gain statewide recognition for their artwork as it relates to Kentucky's environment.

Used as a tool for environmental education, art supports DEP's mission to protect Kentucky's environment.

Multiple awards will be presented to eligible Kentucky high school students who create art using the contest's environmental themes of air, water, land and natural habitats.

Students may submit artwork using the media types of drawing/painting/print, mixed media, sculpture/pottery, digital artwork and photography, with one winner for each submitted art type within each theme.

Contest nominations are being accepted until midnight Feb. 16, 2018. All nominations must be sent via email only to <a href="mailto:envhelp@ky.gov">envhelp@ky.gov</a>. A digital picture of each artwork nomination must accompany each form submitted. Eligible students include all students enrolled in Kentucky public and private high schools for the 2017–18 academic year. Winners will be notified in March, and winning entries will be displayed in the DEP offices at 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Ky.

For more information about the EcoArt Contest and to access a nomination form or artwork from the 2016-17 contest, please visit:

<a href="http://dca.ky.gov/LGGS/Pages/ecoart.aspx">http://dca.ky.gov/LGGS/Pages/ecoart.aspx</a> or call the Division of Compliance Assistance at 502-564-0323.